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**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSING REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION**
3 Capitol Hill, Conference Room 401, Providence, RI 02908

March 7, 2016 @ 8:45 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jessica Brier
Wendy Chicoine
Maria Ducharme
Kathleen Heren
Karen Matook
Joanne Matthew
Maria Pezzillo
Roberta Powell
Maria Ross
Betty Sadaniantz
Delores Walters

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Blanchette
Diane Blier

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kimberly McNulty, Chief Implementation Aide
Margaret Clifton, Director of Nursing
Colleen McCarthy, Senior Legal Counsel

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dayle Joseph, NEIT
Donna Ploicastro, RIBNA
Modupe Williams, Regis College student
Debra Grosskurth, Salve Regina
Eleanor Clapprood, NPARI
Eileen Dobbings, MHRI
Mary Barlas, LTI
Lyudmir Todovow, MD, MHRI

1) **Establishment of a quorum**

A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill,

Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:45 am.

2) Presentation of the February 8, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

*A correction was made to the minutes by Jessica Brier to Section b(ii): add at the end of the sentence, "The Board stands behind its 2013 decision that it is out of the scope of practice for a registered nurse to administer Propofol (as **an anesthetic agent.**)" In addition, the date of the minutes approved last month should reflect January 11, 2016.*

A motion to approve the minutes with the corrections was made by Maria Ross and seconded by Betty Sadaniantz it was voted to accept the minutes of February 8, 2016 with corrections. All were in favor, motion carried.

3) NURSING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a) Doctoral student requests NCSBN release of pass rates of NCLEX-RN scores for BSN programs from 2005-2015:

Director Clifton requested permission from the Board to request that NCSBN release the pass rates to the requestor. The Board approved this request and future requests provided Director Clifton verified the requestor's credentials.

- b) QUESTION: *Can NCSBN provide data on the pass/fail rate of students of color taking the NCLEX-RN exam?*

The Board discussed the fact that students are not required to provide their ethnicity therefore this data may not reflect an accurate accounting. Director Clifton will request this information from NCSBN.

Director Clifton advised the Board that she had met with Dr. Ted Long and has invited him to attend the next Board meeting to speak with the Board and establish a workgroup to develop appropriate data to collect. Board members stated that an invitation should be extended to Pamela McCue as well since she too is gathering and reviewing this information.

- c) NURSING CONNECTIONS: questions regarding contact hours needed for licensure
Director Clifton advised the Board that she wrote an article within Nursing Connections clarifying contact hours.

- d) NLC Training cancelled due to weather in Chicago will be rescheduled
This training will be rescheduled for later this year.

4) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a) CCRI Leadership changes:

Effective February 1, 2016, Dr. Megahan Hughes succeeded Ray DiPasquale as President. Dr. Rosemary Costigan has assumed the role of Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. Effective February 8, 2016, Dr. Hilary Hall-Jansson has assumed the role of Interim Assistant Dean, Nurse Education.

- b) NURSING QUESTION: *Is it within the RN scope of practice for an RN to call-in or electronically transmit a prescription per MD/NP verbal, written or standing orders?*

The Board discussed several scenarios in which an RN would be required to phone or electronically submit orders from a licensed prescriber to a pharmacy. A motion was made by Kathleen Heren and seconded by Wendy Chicoine in supporting this as it is within the scope of an RN practice, in all practice settings, provided there is a current, up-to-date order.

5) Reports from the work groups of the Board of Nursing

a) Task Force on Education: Lead: Maria Pezzillo

Approval of annual reports from schools of nursing: The Board voted unanimously to accept the Annual Reports for the seven schools of nursing.

b) Task Force for Website improvement: Lead: Joanne Matthew

The task force will meet to review the website after the April 2016 meeting.

6) New Business and Public Comment

a) Eileen Dobbing (PMH) to discuss Propofol administration by RNs:

Ms. Dobbing introduced Lyudmir Todovow, MD who gave a statement in support of the efficacy and safety when allowing an RN to give Propofol during procedures in the presence of an anesthesiologist. This is a practice that has been used at Memorial Hospital of RI in the pain clinic for a small subset of patients that would not otherwise be able to tolerate the procedure being performed. Both Ms. Dobbing and Dr. Todovow acknowledges that Propofol is not FDA approved as a sedative and is only approved as an anesthetic. In addition, the package insert expressly warns the medication should only be given in a bolus injection by an anesthesia provider. The Board reiterated the prior decision that administering Propofol is not within the scope of RN practice in the State of RI. Propofol is only to be administered by an anesthesiologist or a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

7) New Business and Public Comment

a) Donna Policastro advised the Board that the Senate will be reviewing a bill regarding APRNs operating lasers. Ms. Policastro advised that the ANA-RI is opposed to this Bill.

b) Donna Policastro stated that the Nurses Day celebration will be held on May 12th with Margaret Clifton and Jane Morgan scheduled to be discussion panel members. She will provide more information on this event at the next Board meeting.

8) Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Betty Sadaniantz and seconded by Kathleen Heren to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:15 am. Motion carried. President Brier read the following:

Pursuant to Sections § 42-46-4 and § 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

Pursuant to Sections § 42-46-4 and § 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

9) Return to Open Session

Motion was made at 2:29 p.m. by Maria Ducharme and seconded by Kathleen Heren to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

10) Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The Board proposed action on sixteen (16) cases.

11) Adjournment

The next Board of Nursing Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, April 11, 2016 at 8:45 am at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. The Board adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly McNulty
Case Manager
Board of Nursing